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1. FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF AN ARTICLE, ENTITLED "PREMIER PLEDGES ROC NOT TO MAKE NUCLEAR WEAPONS," WHICH APPEARED IN THE SEPTEMBER 17 ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA POST AND CHINESE-LANGUAGE PRESS:

A. BEGIN TEXT: PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO EMPHATICALLY STATED AT A CABINET MEETING HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, THAT THE ROC HAS NEVER HAD THE INTENTION TO MANUFACTURE NUCLEAR WEAPONS, NOR HAS THERE BEEN ANY FACT TO INDICATE THAT IT HAS. THE CABINET SOLEMNLY STATED THE FOLLOWING:

B. "1 SINCE 1955, THE COMPETENT AGENCIES OF THE ROC HAVE FULLY COOPERATED WITH OFFICIALS BOTH OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY (IAEA) AND OF THE USG IN THE APPLICATION OF SAFEGUARDS INSPECTIONS CONCERNING ITS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL USES. THE IAEA HAS CONSISTENTLY FOUND IN ITS REGULAR INSPECTION THAT THE NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL USED BY THE ROC ARE ENTIRELY IN CONFORMITY WITH THE STANDARDS OF INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION.
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"2. THE ROC IS A SIGNATORY OF THE TREATY ON NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND HAS ALWAYS STRICTLY OBSERVED ALL ITS PROVISIONS.

"3. THE GROC HAS NO INTENTION WHATSOEVER TO USE ITS HUMAN AND NATURAL RESOURCES FORHHE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR TO OBTAIN EQUIPMENT FOR REPROCESSING SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL.

"4. THE GROC WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT IAEA INSPECTIONS AND TO MAKE PUBLIC ITS NUCLEAR ENERGY RESEARCH PROJECTS. IT WELCOMES NUCLEAR SCIENTISTS OF FRIENDLY COUNTRIES TO COME TO THIS COUNTRY TO WORK JOINTLY WITH ITS OWN SCIENTISTS IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. END TEXT.
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